US combat role reported first in 2002

By Julie Alipala
Inquirer Mindanao

ZAMBOANGA CITY—REPORTS OF United States forces joining combat operations against the extremist Abu Sayyaf in Sulu, Basilan and Tawi-Tawi have been surfacing as early as 2002.

During one such incident—a military raid in Basilan on the evening of July 25, 2002—former Buyung-buyung barangay chief reported having been shot in the thigh by a man he described as "not Filipino."

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Rich, poor come to bid Ted Kennedy goodbye

BOSTON—EDWARD KENNEDY WAS born into America's golden elite, but as he lay in his coffin it was ordinary folk, like maintenance man Ned Byrne, who came by the thousands to say farewell.

They waited patiently for hours in the blazing sun, then hours more in the chill under a half moon, just to spend a few fleeting seconds with the man they called "Teddy."

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LOZADA: Neri has become "the fall guy"
INQUIRER PHOTO

Lozada: Defend yourself, come clean

By Kristine L. Alave

WHISTLE-BLOWER RODOLFO "Jun" Lozada yesterday said Romulo Neri should defend himself by coming clean on President Macapagal-Arroyo's involvement in the National Broadband Network scandal.

Lozada, who testified in a Senate inquiry in 2007 that the NBN deal was overpriced, said Neri had become "the fall guy."

"I understand why he did not stand up for us," Lozada said in a phone interview. "I hope he stands up for himself now that he's been made the fall guy. He should tell everyone how the

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NERI: Ombudsman's recommendation "surprising" INQUIRER PHOTO

Neri: Why me? I refused the bribe

By Ramel W. Domingo

ROMULO NERI WANTS TO KNOW: Why me?

In an interview yesterday over dzBB radio, Neri reiterated that he knew nothing about the Philippine government's $329-million contract with the Chinese firm ZTE Corp.

He said the National Economic and Development Authority (Neda) only evaluated proposals and had no part in choosing suppliers and contractors or in getting into contracts.

Neri also said he spoke with ZTE officials as part of his job as Neda director general.

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Neri ordered suspended

Ombudsman ruling preempts Senate findings on NBN scam



THE BIG PICTURE A witness provided this picture of President Macapagal-Arroyo and her husband Jose Miguel Arroyo taken during a golf game at Shenzhen Golf Club in Shenzhen, China, on Nov. 3, 2006, which was followed by lunch with ZTE officials at ZTE headquarters. (This photo appeared on the front page of the May 14, 2008, issue of the INQUIRER.)
CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

By Edson C. Tandoc Jr. and Michael Lim Ubac

SAYING IT COULD NOT close its eyes to his "misconduct," the Office of the Ombudsman has directed the Office of the President to suspend Romulo Neri for at least six months for his role in the National Broadband Network deal with China's ZTE Corp.

In an interview yesterday with the Inquirer, spokesperson and Assistant Ombudsman Jose de Jesus said a letter had already been sent to Executive Secretary Eduardo Ermita endorsing the recommendations of the investigation panel to immediately suspend Neri, now the president of the Social Security System.

The Office of the Ombudsman cleared President Macapagal-Arroyo and her husband, Jose Miguel "Mike" Arroyo, of liability in the since scuttled $329-million deal. It recommended that graft charges be filed against Neri and Benjamin Abalos Sr., the then chair of the Commission on Elections. (For an extensive backgrounder on the issue, log on to www.inquirer.net/specialfeatures/nbn-

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ABALOS: I did nothing wrong.
EDWIN BACASMAS

Abalos: I was just being nice to ZTE execs

By Kristine L. Alave

BENJAMIN ABALOS SR. YESTERDAY insisted that he did nothing wrong when he introduced the executives of China's ZTE Corp. to the First Couple and senior government officials.

Abalos said he met the ZTE officials in 2006, when they expressed interest to build an economic zone in Davao City. He was then the chair of the Commission on Elections.

There was nothing improper in his friendly relations with the ZTE executives, who also paid

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Malacañang happy GMA, Mike A cleared

By TJ Burgonio

MALACAÑANG IS ELATED BY the dismissal of charges against President Macapagal-Arroyo and her husband in connection with the $329-million National Broadband Network deal, but sees no end to political mudslinging.

"We're happy that finally the names of President Arroyo and First Gentleman [Jose Miguel Arroyo] have been cleared. That has always been our stand," said Undersecretary Lorelei Fajardo, a deputy spokesperson for the President.

Press Secretary Cerge Remonde said Malacañang was "gratified" but "not surprised" by the ruling of the Office of the Ombudsman.

"To those who complain why none of the allegations from the past has ever stuck to the First

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Arroyo 'anoints' De Castro

By TJ Burgonio

THERE SHOULD BE NO DOUBT any longer as to who President Macapagal-Arroyo wants to anoint as the administration presidential standard-bearer in 2010, and as her would-be successor.

Vice President Noli de Castro has the qualities of a "good President," Ms Arroyo said in a statement yesterday, a virtual endorsement of De Castro's future candidacy, even as the ruling party is still drawing up its selection criteria.

The President, who chairs the ruling Lakas-Kampi-CMD, issued the statement to thank De Castro

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No kidding, comedian sued by mother-in-law

LOS ANGELES—"TAKE MY mother-in-law—please," isn't a joke you're likely to hear often these days from Sandra Crowegan. The veteran comic is being sued by her mother-in-law after making her the punchline of too many jokes.

The mother-in-law is accusing Crowegan of spreading false, defamatory and racist lies with in-law jokes that have become a staple of her routine in nightclubs and on television.

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AQUINO: The only way it will become feasible is if ... it becomes a people's campaign.
INQUIRER PHOTO

Noynoy: Wear yellow if you want me to run for president next year

By Michael Lim Ubac

THE COLOR YELLOW, LONG ASSOCIATED with the late President Corazon "Cory" Aquino, is now her son's, too.

Sen. Benigno "Noynoy" Aquino III, the son and namesake of martyred opposition leader Benigno "Ninoy" Aquino Jr., yesterday issued a call to those who want him to run for president to wear yellow.

The bachelor senator has admitted in several interviews that he has yet to find a compelling reason to seek the country's No. 1 post.

To help him make that decision, the senator turned to the ever reliable "yellow," the trademark of his mother, Cory, and symbol of the Edsa I People Power revolt.

Riding on the crest of public outcry over the 1983 assassination of Ninoy, Cory unified the fragmented opposition in the 1986 snap election. Against all odds, she ran for president to challenge the 20-year rule of

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SC censures Miriam for 'foul mouth'



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By Norman Bordadora

THE SUPREME COURT HAS censured Sen. Miriam Defensor-Santiago for using "offensive and disrespectful" language directed at the Supreme Court in a privilege speech she delivered at the Senate in December 2006.

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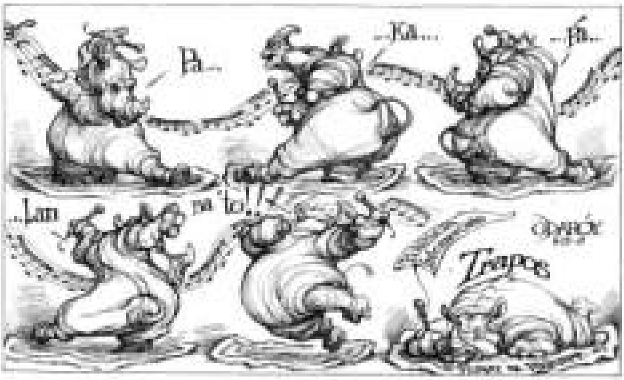
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Kennedy's Catholicism source of comfort, conflict

BOSTON—SEN. EDWARD Kennedy was raised from birth to cherish his Catholicism, and it became both a source of comfort and conflict throughout his life.

The son of the country's most famous Catholic family defied church teachings when he divorced his first wife, then was granted an annulment only after he admitted he wasn't being honest when he promised her he'd be faithful.

His most significant and public break with the Church came with his support for abortion rights.

Yet Kennedy also advocated for signature Catholic causes, such as help for the poor, health care and immigration reform, and opposition to the Iraq war. His faith remained a regular part of his life until it ended this week with a priest at his bedside.

The apparently conflicting portrait of a man loyal to the church despite widening disagreement on key issues "almost perfectly represents" the views of most American Catholics, said Boston College professor Alan Wolfe.

"He's an effect of a process that's been going on for a very long time that started long before Teddy Kennedy was born and will continue long after Teddy Kennedy is dead," Wolfe said.

Not just for Sundays

Kennedy's mother, Rose Kennedy, set the roots of his faith, emphasizing Christ's teaching in the Gospels that "to whom much is given, much will be required."

When her kids were teens, she made sure they went to a weekend religious camp every year, said Adam Clymer, who worked with Kennedy on his biography. She took them to church during the week, so they knew church wasn't just for Sundays.

A commitment to Catholicism was not always evident in Kennedy's personal life, which was marred by problems with alcohol and philandering. In 1981, he was forbidden from receiving communion after his divorce—which the church forbids—from his first wife, Joan.

The public learned more than a decade later that he'd been granted an annulment after he was seen accepting Communion at his mother's funeral. Joan later said that Kennedy requested the annulment, which she did not oppose, on grounds that his marriage vow to be faithful had not been honestly made, Clymer said.

Up to God

Kennedy rarely spoke publicly of his Catholicism.

"I think faith oftentimes is deeply felt in the reserve of your bones, it's a matter of the heart," said Kennedy's friend, the Rev. Gerry Creedon, a Washington-area priest.

Kennedy's differences with the church never kept him from Mass.

His relationship with the Catholic church was rocky, said Russell Shaw, former spokesperson for the US Conference of Catholic Bishops. But there's no doubt it was enduring. Judging the quality of Kennedy's faith isn't for him, Shaw said.

"Now it's up to God," he said. *AP*



US PRESIDENT John F. Kennedy, at right, is pictured with his brothers, Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy and Sen. Edward M. Kennedy (center), outside the Oval Office at the White House in this picture taken on Aug. 28, 1963. Edward Kennedy, a towering figure in the Democratic Party who took the helm of one of America's most fabled political families after two older brothers were assassinated, died on Aug. 26, 2009 at age 77.

Rich, poor come to bid Ted Kennedy goodbye

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Like almost in Boston, Byrne, a 57-year-old unemployed maintenance worker, remembered his own life in parallel to the Kennedy story—the assassinations of President John F. Kennedy and Sen. Robert Kennedy, and the scandalous career of Edward, who died Tuesday aged 77 after a long battle with cancer.

"They were part of my life," Byrne said.

Silver-haired veterans, Kennedy straddled two worlds... and the scene around his coffin encapsulated that double life.

Servicemen, medals gleaming, stood to attention, with bayonets fixed in a stern salute to the dead statesman.

Final journey

Kennedy began his final journey, first past landmark after landmark bearing his family's famous name and then to his slain brother's presidential library and museum, where his body lay in repose.

The motorcade started in Hyannis Port, at the Cape Cod home where Kennedy's family held a private Mass. Crowds assembled along the 112-kilometer route that snaked from the family's compound to the John F. Kennedy Library and Museum.

President Barack Obama will deliver the eulogy at Kennedy's funeral Mass on Saturday, memorializing the last political elder of the family that has fascinated Americans with its ambition, style, idealism and tragedies for decades.

Kennedy will be buried the same day at Arlington National Cemetery, that located at Arlington, a military cemetery, are John and Robert Kennedy, John Kennedy's wife, Jacqueline, their baby son, Patrick, who died after two days, and their stillborn child.

More than 20,000 people waited in line to file past his closed casket.

Kennedy's widow, Vicki, headed a line of relatives warmly shaking hands with the public as the endless procession crept around the flag-draped casket.

A royal occasion

When a woman handed over a framed poem she had composed calling Kennedy "a great man," Vicki asked for her address and promised to write to her.

Seemingly never tiring, relatives made extra efforts to appear welcoming. They introduced themselves with a smile and asked the names of well-wishers, hugging them at times.

As impressive as the Kennedys' poise was the crowd's calm. Even when senior members of the family came outside no one rushed forward. Instead, they waited respectfully to be spoken to, adding to the sensation of a royal occasion.

The source of that instinctive leadership was Edward Kennedy himself.

He died rich and powerful. He served in the Senate for 47 years, kept his holiday home in the ultra-exclusive Cape Cod resort of Hyannis Port, and was seen as using his privileged background to ride out personal scandals.

But for the thousands of people paying homage at the side of his coffin he will be remembered as the archetypal rough, yet kind-hearted Bostonian.

Football in heaven

For many, it was hard to untangle Kennedy's larger-than-life role as statesman from his role as neighbor and local celebrity, whether he was taking a cure conducting the Boston Pops or throwing out the first pitch for the Red Sox.

"It was Teddy's home team. It just seemed appropriate to leave him the cap," said Jason Juster, 28, placing a Sox cap he was wearing near the entrance to the library.

"Teddy, my mansions here," read one entry in the book of condolence laid at the entrance to the JFK library.

Another joked, "his mom style, about "the wonderful touch football game there'll be in Heaven."

The Kennedy family has said it wants the wake to be a celebration, not a lament.

But there was no holding back tears for Khadija Shah, a 61-year-old nurse, who said Kennedy, a champion of immigrants' rights, once helped her family overcome visa problems.

Impossible Dream

Echoes of the Kennedy history were hard to miss as the motorcade traveled through the city. It passed at Faneuil Hall, where the historic bell rang 47 times—once for each of Kennedy's years in the Senate.

The family planned an invitation-only private memorial service on Friday evening at the library.

All the living presidents were expected to attend the funeral Mass on Saturday.

"The Impossible Dream," Kennedy's favorite song, from the musical "Man of La Mancha," will be played at one of the services.

In his later years, Kennedy cut a barrel-chested profile, with a swath of white hair, a booming voice and a thick, widely imitated Boston accent. He coupled fist-pumping floor speeches with charm and formidable negotiating skills.

"I think that once he realized he was never going to be president—that that was not the legacy he had to follow—he really worked at becoming the best senator he possibly could," a friend said. "And he did."

Black shroud, white roses

Kennedy's survivors include a daughter, Kara Kennedy Allen, two sons, Edward Jr. and Patrick, a congressman from Rhode Island, and two stepchildren, Caroline and Curran Raclin.

Edward Jr. lost a leg to bone cancer in 1973 at age 12. Kara had a cancerous tumor removed from her lung in 2003. In 1988, Patrick had a noncancerous tumor pressing on his spine removed. He also has struggled with depression and addiction and recently spent time at an addiction treatment center.

A black shroud and vase of white roses sat on Kennedy's Senate desk, which John Kennedy had used before him.

So dropped the final curtain on "Camelot," the already distant era of the Kennedy dynasty. *AFP/AP*



BOSTON volunteers, Boy Scouts and police officers are the last to pay their respects to Sen. Edward M. Kennedy in the first day of public viewing comes to an end at the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library early Friday, Aug. 28, 2009, in Boston.

Arroyo 'anoints' De Castro

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for speaking well of the party, and for saying that he saw his current position as on-the-job training for the top post.

Press Secretary Cerge Remonde said Ms Arroyo was confirming that she wanted De Castro to be the party's presidential candidate, while not wanting to preempt De Castro and party officials.

"There's nothing inconsistent about it," he said. "There's nothing left to settle except the process and time."

Ms Arroyo said that while she did not want to get ahead of De Castro's decision, she wanted to thank him "for acknowledging the value of the administration party's support and attesting to the earnest work that we do in the Cabinet as well as its significance on-the-job training for the presidency."

"The party, the Cabinet and I regard Vice President de Castro as a leader imbued with decency, capability, dedication to public service and genuine sensitivity for the Filipino masses that will make him a good President," she said.

Ms Arroyo's statement was relayed to De Castro via text message and released to the press.

De Castro has yet to issue a reply.

The administration coalition has been wooing De Castro, who ran as an independent in Ms Arroyo's running mate in 2004, to be its standard-bearer in 2010. He is seen to be the administration's best bet against the opposition front-runners.

De Castro was topping all presidential preference surveys for the past several months until very recently when he fell behind Sen. Manuel Villar Jr. and deposed President Joseph Estrada in the Pulse Asia survey, a dip that party officials have attributed to his silence on his plans and lack of television ads.

De Castro confirmed on Thursday that Ms Arroyo had asked him to be the coalition's standard-bearer, although she said he would have to go through the nomination process.

He said he has not given an answer yet because he was still unsure whether to run for President.

If he decides to run under the administration, he will go head-to-head with the Nacionalista Party's Villar, a close friend and colleague at the Senate's "Wednesday Group."

In her statement, Ms Arroyo indicated that party leaders had reached a consensus to field De Castro as the standard-bearer.

"The administration party has an ongoing selection process for its standard-bearer based on democratic consultations. Members of the Lakas-Kampi executive committee have reported to me the progress of this process and they also conveyed to me the sentiments of party members on Vice President Noli de Castro," she said.

Secretary Raul Gonzalez, Chief Presidential Legal Counsel and a party official, said that if De Castro decides to run for President, he had no choice but to run under the administration coalition.

"Where will he go? All the other parties have their prospective standard-bearers, and have virtually closed their doors. As long as he wants to run for President, his only refuge is Lakas [Kampi CMD]," he said in a phone interview.



DE CASTRO is OHA undecided on...

No kidding, comedian sued by mother-in-law

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»Bounds like Comedy Central.

To Cronquist, the in-law jokes seemed like a natural routine after living through one comical culture-clash moment after another. She is half-black, half-Swedish, grew up Roman Catholic and married into a Jewish family.

And she's not shy about making the in-laws the butt of her jokes.

Butt of her jokes

Take the one about her mother-in-law's reaction on news she was pregnant with her first child: "OK, now that we know you're having a little girl I want to know what you're naming Our little schnookie. Now we don't want a name that's difficult to pronounce like Shaniqua. We're thinking a name close like Goldie. Like Hadassah or Goldie."

Or her first visit to her mother-in-law's house: "I walk in, I say, 'Thank you so much for having me here, darlin.' She says, 'The pleasure's all mine, have a seat.'" Then, in a loud aside, "Harder, put my pocketbook away."

Cronquist said there was a time when her in-laws would laugh with everyone else at the black member of a Jewish family jokes.

"They played my tape at Passover one year, and they loved it!" she said.

No more humor

But things changed after Cronquist, promoting upcoming gigs in New Jersey, posted information on her website that, according to her in-laws, allowed pretty much anyone to figure out the identities of her in-laws.

They sued in April in US District Court in New Jersey, where they live. The action seeks unspecified damages and demands that Cronquist remove any offensive statements from her website, routines and recordings.

Cronquist says she would drop any language her family finds offensive, but refuses to pay any settlement. Her lawyer has filed a motion to have the suit dismissed, and a judge is scheduled to hear it on Sept. 8.

In the meantime, Cronquist, who lives in Beverly Hills and is a regular on the Hollywood comedy circuit, was at the Laugh Factory an open-mic night recently, eager to test some new non-mother-in-law material. This time the butt of her jokes would be herself, her lawyer husband (his firm is representing her in the lawsuit) and entertainer Jennifer Lopez.

'I look like J-Lo'

"My father is Swedish, my mother is African-American. You know what that made me growing up?" she asks the audience. "A Puerto Rican! That works for me, honey. ... After having two babies in two years, I look like J-Lo."

Cronquist says it should be obvious to her in-laws of 13 years that she's not anti-Jewish. She converted to Judaism before she met her husband and keeps a kosher house.

The lawsuit was filed by mother-in-law Ruth Zafrin, her daughter, Shelley Edelman, and Shelley's husband, Neil. Neither Zafrin, the Edelmans nor their attorney, Lawrence H. Wertheim, returned calls for comment.

Cronquist is upset that the legal action has estranged her husband and their two daughters from his family, adding, "This could have broken up my marriage." *AP*

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Protected areas pushed for Visayan Sea

By Irene R. Sino Cruz
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PROMPTED BY THE critical condition of the Visayan Sea's marine ecosystem, environmentalists have set up marine protection areas (MPAs) to reverse the degradation.

"The marine ecosystem is on the brink of collapse," says Antonio Oposa, president of the Law of Nature Foundation (LNF) and team leader of the Visayan Sea Squadron (VSS). He is also a 2009 Ramon Magsaysay Awardee for his "pathbreaking and passionate crusade to engage Filipinos in acts of enlightened citizenship that maximize the power of law to protect and nurture the environment for themselves, their children, and generations still to come."

Oposa began his struggle to preserve the environment, particularly marine resources, in his early 20s. "I have always been a nature lover," he says as he recalls the days that he had spent on Bantayan Island in Cebu with his grandfather, a native of the place.

Oposa says he used to be at odds with the fishermen who were using dynamite to catch fish. They only saw the 'easy' fish market returns and never realized that there would soon be none, he says.

Today, not a single coral reef in the Visayan Sea is left untouched as destructive fishing methods, such as dynamite use, had damaged the reef formations, Oposa points out. Coral reefs provide home to fishes and other marine life.

In its 2005 Philippine Environment Monitor, the World Bank disclosed that almost all Philippine coral reefs were at risk from human activities, and only four to five percent remained in excellent condition.

Rehabilitation foremost

Stopping other illegal fishermen is no longer enough, Oposa says, and now is the time to rehabilitate the marine habitats.

With declining fish production, the Visayan Sea, which covers 10,000 square kilometers and used to be one of the most productive marine ecosystems in the Philippines, is in a sorry state.

According to a 1995 study, the bottom (municipal) fishing grounds of the Visayan Sea provided 13.4 percent of total fish haul. Nearly 15 years later, the situation has changed.

Over-fishing by small fishermen and commercial fleets that regularly intrude into municipal waters, as well as increasingly destructive fishing practices, have brought about massive habitat loss and degradation, and the near collapse of stocks, according to Ulrich W. Schmidt, a environmentalist who conducted a study on the Visayan Sea for the Food and Agriculture Organization.

World Bank report

Even the World Bank noted that the present state of coastal ecosystems in the Philippines "was a cause for alarm."

It stated that economic loss brought about by over-fishing could reach about P6.3 billion every year. At least P180 billion in economic benefits could be derived from the country's coastal ecosystems every year, it said.

The WB report estimated that one square kilometer of healthy coral reef would generate an average of P2.5 million from fishing and tourism.

"As a whole, the country's coral reefs contribute at least P75 billion annually to the economy, about 1.4 percent of GDP (gross domestic product)," it said.

The seriousness of the situation has underscored the contribution of Oposa's group in the protection and rehabilitation of the marine ecosystem.

Local gov'ts

Since the group's resources were limited, Oposa says it relies on the cooperation of local government units, other nongovernment organizations and concerned individuals in carrying out the tasks of marine protection and rehabilitation.

The group has set up 13 MPAs in Santa Fe town in Bantayan, where dynamite fishing has been practically eradicated, with the support of the local government and fishermen.

What makes Oposa's advocacy unique is its "adversary-to-ally" thrust. Fishermen found guilty of illegal fishing would be offered suspended sentences if they agreed to become wardens and help guard against those engaged in destructive fishing.

Oposa also sees fish wardens who would not sleep at night just to guard the MPA assigned to them.

100 MPAs in 5 years

The efforts are starting to pay off, he notes, as whales and dolphins have been sighted off Santa Fe. Their presence indicated that illegal fishing was no longer practiced in the area and that there is food for them, Oposa says.

He acknowledges that he and his group still have a long way to go to achieve his dream of setting up 100 MPAs in critical areas in the next five years.

The most difficult step, he says, is to convince the fishermen of the importance of setting aside an area for fish nursery and breeding. But they are now realizing the rationale behind it, he says.

Oposa stresses that the campaign would not have succeeded in Santa Fe without the support of its mayor, Jennifer Ilustrisimo.

Bantayan Mayor Geraldine Escario Cabarrus has also provided support to its drive against illegal fishing, he adds.

He hopes that other local government officials would also extend assistance to the group could accomplish more. "Although the tide is beginning to change. They are now more aware [of the problem]," Oposa said.

DND assistance

The recent signing of the memorandum of cooperation between the LNF and the Department of National Defense gave a boost to their campaign, Oposa says.

In explaining why he signed, Defense Secretary Gilberto C. Teodoro Jr. says he considered the protection of the country's marine ecosystem a national security issue.

Under the memorandum, the LNF may ask for logistic support from the Philippine Navy's Naval Forces Central (NavForCen) in its operations against illegal fishermen.

Although they have already accomplished so much, Oposa maintains that much has yet to be done. He calls on everybody to be concerned about the environment.



ENVIRONMENTAL advocate lawyer Antonio Oposa explains the importance of a marine protected area in Bantayan Island. [illegible]

Eye doctor sees world-class Cebuano runners

By Ivy Susan C. Leopoldo
Cebu City

CEBU businessman Antonio Aldeguer and Edward Hayco are avid supporters of boxing and dance sports, but a Cebu-based eye doctor foresees running as becoming popular and could bring honor to the province and the country.



RUNNING eye doctor Potenciano Larrazabal III at the Bank of America marathon held in Chicago in 2008. [illegible]

Dr. Potenciano Larrazabal III, a scion of the Larrazabal family who owns several hospitals, dreams of developing running as a serious sport. He is putting up his own training pool that would produce world-class runners.

"I wanted to do that in the near future," said Larrazabal, who is organizing a "Run for Sight" every month in Cebu.

Organized by the Larrazabal Eye Centre and his Run for Sight foundation, the running series would provide funding for the foundation's medical missions and assistance to orphanages.

It would also help him spot potentially serious athletes while providing serious runners a venue to develop their skill.

A serious runner who has been participating in several marathons here and abroad, Larrazabal said he would like to complete 52 marathons in his lifetime.

He also wanted to promote running as the best form of getting fit.

His wife, former singer-actress Donna Cruz, shares his passion for running and has even participated in the recent 22-km Milo run held in Cebu.

"I also wanted to address this to the youth who are into bad habits because if they start running, their attention will shift to their health and they will become more conscious of it [health]," Larrazabal said.

Larrazabal is offering sports courses at the Cebu Doctors' University (CDU), which his family owns, to help improve the country's sports program. The courses would include sports management and sports medicine.

Larrazabal serves as chair of the CDU's Department of Ophthalmology and as the corporate secretary of the Cebu Doctors' group of hospitals and the university.

City education consultant Joy Augustus Young welcomed Larrazabal's proposal to offer sports courses.

"It is very good for us," said Young, who also plans to establish a Sports Science High School for athletes.

"It's good that Larrazabal is considering offering sports-related courses. I am looking forward to working with them on that," he said.

Larrazabal has started preparing for his 7th marathon, the 28th Robin Hood Marathon in Nottingham, England, scheduled for Sept. 22. Around 15,000 runners from all over the world are expected to participate.

He plans to join the marathons in Macau in December, in Seoul in March 2010, and in San Diego, California, in June 2010.

He had participated in the Hilo, Hong Kong, New York City and Chicago marathons.

Larrazabal has several eye clinics which he manages at the Center for Sight at the Cebu Doctors' Hospital in Cebu City, and three other eye clinics at the Mactan Doctors' Hospital in Lapu-Lapu City, North General Hospital in Barangay Tabunok, Cebu City, and the South General Hospital in Barangay Tayud, Naga City.

He completed his medical degree at the CDU, where he also received his master's degree in hospital administration.

He passed his diplomate board examinations in ophthalmology.

Closed preneed firm still operates



HARVEST TIME

Cooperative now running scam plans, says group

By Carla P. Gomez
Inquirer Visayas

BACOLOD CITY—THE PRESIDENT OF THE PARents Enabling Parents (PEP) Coalition warned on Thursday that a preneed company it exposed for fraudulent activity was operating under a different name in Bacolod City.

No funds

Permanent order

Assembly

DSWD campaign credited with decline in child abuse

By Joey Gabieta
Inquirer Visayas



A COMELEC worker reviews contents of ballot boxes from Pampanga for the recount of votes in the 2007 gubernatorial election.

Bishop: Church to respect recount results

NEWSBRIEFS

P30-M corn facility

Plant trees in Cebu

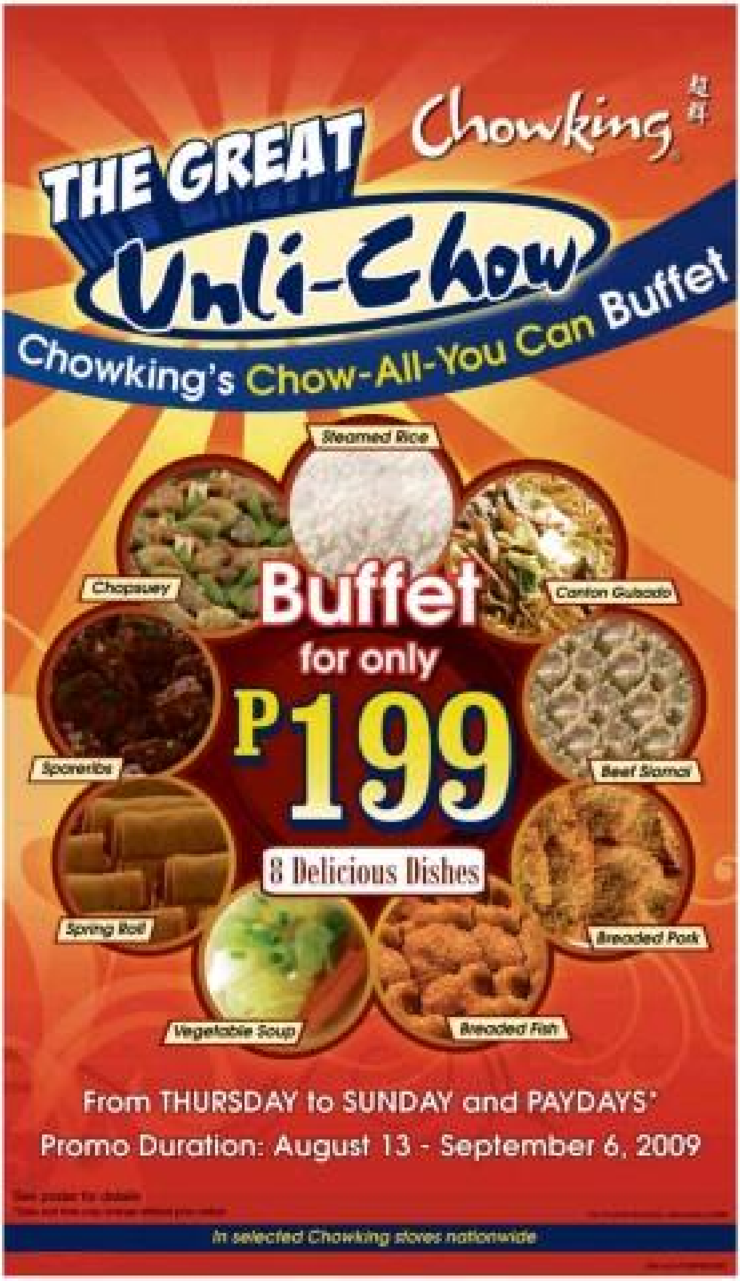
'OurBaguio. 100'

DND chief laments small military budget

News

'Battle is over': Nat'l Artists choice a done deal

EVERYTHING ELSE IS CEREMONY, SO EVEN IF critics rail all they want against four of this year's choices for National Artist, the battle is over, National Commission for Culture and the Arts (NCCA) chair Vilma Labrador said yesterday.



RP teacher's death sentence restored by Taiwan court

RP asked to OK UN treaty on disappearances

A plus METRO



Sunday's Lotto jackpot may hit P145M



STUDENTS RALLY
Filipino student protesters burn an effigy of President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo during a rally in Manila Friday to condemn what they describe as the lavish dinner of President Arroyo and her party during her recent visit to the US, and asked the government to spend more on education, food and health for the people instead.

By Julie M. Aurelio

A DRIVER FOR A PRIVATE FIRM, PABLO GRAJO dreams of buying vans and renting them out if he wins the jackpot in Sunday night's 6/49 Super Lotto draw. The jackpot may reach P145 million.

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Recall arrest order against me, ex-Abra governor asks court

By Julie M. Aurelio

FORMER ABRA GOV. VICENTE Valera has asked a Quezon City court to recall an arrest warrant issued against him and two others in connection with the 2006 murder of Abra Rep. Luis Bersamin.

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6,000 Metro volunteers all set to join 'service marathon' on Oct. 10

By Allison W. Lopez

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Fake soldier held for setting up fake 'army'

Ombudsman Gutierrez being true to form

ON TARGET

Ramon Tulfo



6,000 Metro volunteers all set to join...

Drugs: 2 convicted, 2 acquitted

MetroBriefs

BF folk eye suit vs judge

'Munting Anghel' launched

SM cited by health department

Wedding festival set in Alabang

Kidnapped California girl found 18 years later with captor's children



Japan opposition headed for huge win



Bomber kills 22 people in Pakistan

Ramon Magsaysay recipient says China ignores Burma graft

The WORLD

Saudi royal survives Qaida suicide attack

RIYADH—A SENIOR MEMBER OF SAUDI ARABIA's royal family who is in charge of the kingdom's antiterrorist campaign has survived a suicide attack by an al-Qaida-linked group.

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PRINCE Mohammed bin Nayef



US ready to cut off millions to Honduras coup leaders

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Reader's Digest seeks bankruptcy protection

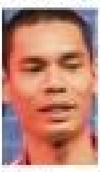
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SPORTS

Japeth wants out of B. King

'We have decided to play for RP 5'



AGUILAR

Embattled Archers try to revive Final 4 bid vs Warriors

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Knights turn back Chiefs

Generals keep semis hopes alive

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Tyro shines as UM grabs No. 2 berth

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Japeth wants out of Burger King

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SPORTSWATCH

Looney Tunes race tomorrow

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SJC Rambulan finals under way

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RP goes 'ukay-ukay' in Milan boxfest

BARE EYE



Recah Trinidad

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WNCAA hoops: Lady Pirates, Blazers dispute top spot

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NCA series fires off Sept. 8

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SPORTSWATCH

Flint top seeds get boot

Garcia, 3 others, share lead

Tevez scores 1st City goal

Viloria foe much bigger

Hawaiian Punch makes 108 ahead of today's weigh-in



Naga, Bacolod Milo 21Ks fire off tomorrow

Sunnex, Foscon kick off B6BL bids with victories

What will they write in the future

ONE GAME AT A TIME



Ser Sarmenta



2009 Ford Focus Cup starts

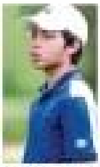
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WORLD CUP QUALIFIER

Pucay, Que yield front to S'poreans



Puyat blows 2-hole lead, ends dream US Am stint



Southwoods ladies erect 41-shot buffer

Pro drift race enters final leg



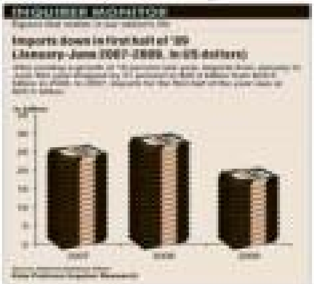




Business



Ayala bags ₱22-B North Triangle project



Joint venture with NHA to develop Quezon City CBD

PROPERTY GIANT AYALA LAND INC. HAS BAGGED A P22-BILLION joint venture deal with the National Housing Authority (NHA) to develop the 29.1-hectare North Triangle property in Quezon City into a mixed-use central business district (CBD).

BSP expects weak inflation in August

ABOITIZ UNIT GETS PAGBILAO

San Miguel wins Sual power deal



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Wall St. surge lifts local stocks

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Some 0.34-percentage-point push seen

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Businesses to expand, hire more, survey shows

Employment outlook index at 9.4% percent, up from -6.4%

By Michelle V. Remo

AS THEIR CONFIDENCE IN THE economy and their profitability builds up, a growing number of companies are now considering hiring more workers in the months ahead.

According to a survey conducted by the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas, the employment outlook index of respondent companies reverted to the positive territory in the third quarter to hit 9.4 percent, from -6.4 percent in the second quarter and -8.2 percent in the first quarter.

The employment index is the difference between the number of respondent-firms that said they were planning to hire more workers and the those respondent-firms that said they did not have such a plan.

The BSP said firms that contributed most to the improved employment outlook of companies were hotels and restaurants, real estate, renting and business activities and others.

"Businesses are bullish about their operations, and this affects their employment outlook," said Rosabel Guerrero, director for economic statistics department of the BSP.

The survey also said companies in the industry sector—those engaged in mining and quarrying, manufacturing, utilities and agriculture—said they planned to expand their operations in the coming months.

The BSP said the expansion index for the industry sector stood at 17.4 percent in the third quarter as more industry players expect to invest in the coming months for expansion than those that said they had no such plans.

The survey covered 1,500 respondent-companies nationwide. It was conducted from the first week of July to Aug. 14. Of the respondents, 714 were based in the national capital region.

Ms. Cyd Tuaño-Amador, assistant governor, said the likely increase in employment opportunities in the coming months was consistent with the improved sentiment of businesses in general.

It was reported earlier that business sentiment moved to positive territory in the third quarter, as the confidence index of the corporate sector hit 18.4 percent, a turnaround from -2.6 percent in the previous quarter. This means more companies were bullish about their income performance and the economy in the third quarter.

Amador said the improvement in business sentiment was due to the belief that the worst of the global economic turmoil was over. Economists said the world economy was on its way toward recovery, although a gradual one.

The global crisis is defined by the recession in the United States and other industrialized nations. However, developing countries like the Philippines was not spared from its ill effects. The Philippines felt the pinch of the crisis via lower demand for its exports.

Following the onset of the crisis, the economic growth slowed down to 3.8 percent last year from a three-decade-high growth of 7.3 percent in 2007.

PRA projecting 37.5% decline in revenue

By Abigail L. Ho

DUE TO THE GLOBAL ECONOMIC downturn, the Philippine Retirement Authority sees its revenue going down by 37.5 percent to P100 million this year from P160 million in 2008.

PRA acting general manager Reynaldo Ungue said the retirement sector was not immune to the effects of the global recession.

"However, we expect that in 2010, we'll be able to recover," he said.

He said that despite the economic crisis, investments in the retirement sector remained relatively robust this year.

Some American, European and Korean firms have expressed interest in putting up retirement-related developments, particularly "continuing care" facilities for retirees.

These continuing care facilities will include a whole package of products and services that retirees can avail themselves of, including housing, healthcare and lifestyle and entertainment.

An American company, he said, was now scouting a location for its planned continuing care facilities, moving to on the Clark, Subic and Batangas areas.

A European firm was also looking at setting up facilities for retirees, particularly those that would cater to retirees 50 years old and above, he further related.

He added that a South Korean firm was considering putting up retirement facilities on a property along the Subic-Clark-Tarlac Expressway.

"We're also urging retirees to invest in condominiums, housing units and golf shares, as well as to lease parcels of land for their retirement homes," he said. "The average retiree's pension is about $1,000 to $2,000 a month. That's how much they also spend on their various activities."

PRA chair Edgar Aglipay said the country now had around 20,000 retirees enrolled in the PRA's program, 35 percent of whom were Chinese, 28 percent Japanese and 18 percent Koreans.

For 2009, he said PRA was targeting to lure another 4,000 enrolled retirees.

BDO-Generali venture books ₱2.2B in premiums

By Doris C. Dumlao

First Gen stock issue gets SEC nod

By Amy R. Remo

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SCIENCE/HEALTH

Editor Cesar D. Mangawang

To slow aging, get lots of sunlight and sleep



BALICTAR: No more unwanted weight

Feeling lighter... and much healthier

Fun with numbers



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Maurie Santos Balbin

UP-PGH postgraduate course in surgery set September 2-4

How Wheatgrass helps promote colon health

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PROPERTY

Editor Cesar D. Mangawang





AMISA'S mixed-use residential development with ... of Robinsons's Gold Coast.

Robinsons bullish on Mactan project

By Charles E. Buban

WITH THE FIRST of Amisa Private Residences' six residential towers topping off next month, Robinsons Land Corp. is confident that its first master-planned five-star leisure resort community in Mactan, Cebu will turn out to be a winner.

RLC informed that the 14-story Tower A is set to top off by mid-September, seven months ahead of its scheduled May 2010 completion.

"Sales of Tower A units have been brisk, allowing the company to start and complete the project earlier than scheduled. In fact, we are already preselling Tower B," ... RLC corporate PR manager.

She added that while the bulk of

ROBINSONS B2-2



A fresh, stress-free life at Bay Garden

WITH ALL THE LIFESTYLE RESTRATIONS and modern conveniences one can enjoy while living in the city, can the urban experience still get any better?

At Bay Garden, one of the primary residential developments of Federal Land located at the heart of the sprawling Metropolitan Park in Pasay, city living goes a notch higher as it offers not just exciting features and amenities, but also "a fresh new way of living" as may be seen from the experiences of some of its residents.

In fact, Bay Garden beckons residents to enjoy a resortlike lifestyle even when in the city. With a calming view of the sea dominating the development, Bay Garden combines a luxurious home with a refreshing tropical resort landscape for that island-fresh feeling.

"I love the peaceful, clean and relaxing ambiance of the condominium," says Cecille, a proud owner of a two-bedroom unit in the Marcus Tower, one of the five towers in the Bay Garden community.

Privacy, impressive landscape

And what Cecille loves the most about Bay Garden, which would house 11 towers when completed, are the privacy, the vast open spaces, and the impressive landscape of the property. Together with her husband, the couple moved in just last May and so far, Cecille says, they enjoy every moment of their time in their new home.

Indeed, Bay Garden is not your regular residence by the bay which offers a magnificent, panoramic views and idyllic walkways since it also takes pride in its high-end facilities and amenities.

A picturesque landscape garden gives residents a soothing ambiance. And for those who can't resist the temptation of water, a reading pool awaits. Ample space is also provided for children so they can have fun in the outdoor playground.

"Even though we are very near a main road (Macapagal Boulevard), there are no noises here. The air is also very fresh," she beams.

Another satisfied client is Angelito, an accountant who, together with his wife, Jerry, was among the very first owners of the entire Palmera Tower in Bay Garden. The couple expressed how they liked the easy accessibility of the development to their workplaces, saying, "Before we moved in here from our home in Las Piñas, all we had time for when we got home is go to sleep. That's about all we could do every day."

That's because the couple both worked in Binondo, and the traffic from there to home ate up all the time they had.

"We did not even have time to bond as a family," Angelito added, "but that all changed when we bought this unit."



CECILLE and her husband enjoy their unit at Bay Garden.



THE LIVING room of Cecille's house



KEVIN Conolly



FAÇADE shot of the Bay Garden

While still going to Binondo every day where they run their own accounting firm, it's now easier for them to pick up their two sons—high school students in Zobel—before going back home.

"Now, we have time to watch TV together, wait for the fireworks show in the Mall of Asia (which can be comfortably viewed from their balcony), and actually cook dinner instead of buying take-out."

Exclusivity

Kevin Conolly, another unit owner at Bay Garden, says what he values the most is the "exclusivity" of his home. Having lived at Bay Garden since mid-2008, Kevin has been happy with the privacy and the relaxing ambiance of the area.

"What is nice about this condo is everyone is very courteous—from security personnel to the utility men, and this helps create a light and stress-free environment," he adds.

An Irish who has been staying in the Philippines for a long while now, Kevin had already recommended the condominium to two of his friends. "I wouldn't be staying here [for] eight years now if I weren't happy," he ends with a chuckle.

You can live a life of comfort, serenity and convenience by owning a unit in the Bay Garden.

Robinsons bullish on Mactan project

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[illegible] from the Visayas, a significant number also are overseas Filipinos and investors from Manila.

Breathtaking scenery

"The place where Amilia is located—Punta Engaño in Mactan—has breathtaking scenery and provides for your residents utmost privacy and comfort," Villegas described.

Amilia will rise on a 5-hectare property that features 170-meter beachfront. Named after a Sanskrit term for an object of enjoyment or pleasure, Amilia will feature Oriental gold Gate-inspired architecture that will arise above the rest of the natural structures to take advantage of the scenic views the location offers.

Those at the beachfront will be rewarded with the magnificent views of the Magellan Bay and the picturesque northern towns of mainland Cebu.

Amenities are fast taking shape as RLC informed that Amilia's clubhouse and swimming pools are set to be completed by the first quarter of next year to ensure its first set of residents will have a place to relax and unwind.

Once completed, Amilia will have a five-star hotel with amenities, an entertainment center, two big pools, nature trail walks and nooks, pocket parks and open spaces that lead to a pristine white sand beach and sports activity areas.

Island living

"These ongoing resort developments will enable residents and their guests to enjoy island living while at the same time enable them to contribute to the care and preservation of the environment," Villegas explained.

She added that Amilia's development is much welcome as this will enhance the island's image as a popular tourist destination.

While a showroom is located at the Amilia site in Punta Engaño, RLC also set up another showroom at the Padre Faura Wing of Robinsons Place Manila and at the RLC Cond Showroom in Robinsons Galleria.

Posh amenities abound at Manhattan Heights



Manhattan Garden City is the first and only transit-oriented development that is connected to the LRT1 and MRT3 lines. [illegible]



More than 30 resort amenities, including the lap pool amidst vibrant tropical landscaping, are planned for Manhattan Heights.



Manhattan Heights is the new phase of Manhattan Garden City [illegible]

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Make your business prosper at Cityplace



CHINESE FILIPINOS will find the perfect venue to locate their home and business right here: Cityplace at the heart of Chinatown.

BEFORE GETTING YOUR BUSINESS going, you need to prioritize on investing in a good location. It's no wonder why in the crowded streets of perhaps the world's oldest Chinatown, in the bustling city of Manila, the most diverse market of wholesale merchandise has kept the city awake even in the most lull hours of the day. Perhaps the popular belief rings true that if it sells in Chinatown, it will sell everywhere else.

As businesses abound prosperously in this Chi Lai or inner city property giant Megaworld Corp. comes to provide a Hong Kong-style community that keeps one's home closer to where business happens. Cityplace, a twin-tower landmark of progress, is more than an impressive modern dwelling enclave but a one-stop shopping and ultimate dining haven.

This impressive landmark is a multilevel gem amid Chinatown's rich cultural backdrop with its 37- and 39-story residential towers beaming both of glass and concrete and three-level commercial center bursting with extensive rows of shops and choice of dining outlets resembling Causeway Bay, Hong Kong's prime shopping haven.

Prime location

A genius in residential developments, Megaworld has teamed with meticulous engineers and architects in providing a luxurious residential and commercial property on a prime residential location.

"Cityplace, which will be ready in two years, is one upscale development that brings everything close to you—your family, your business and the best of Chinatown. It is the ideal place to grow your family business," noted Megaworld Vice President Property Holdings EVP for Marketing and project head John Ho [illegible].

"You can be almost with every aspect of your business without getting entangled in traffic as Cityplace is situated at the main artery of Chinatown where a breathtaking array of shops selling attractive Chinese arts and crafts, furniture, jewelry, Chinese medicines, food preserves, fresh produce, as well as hardware and office supplies can be found.

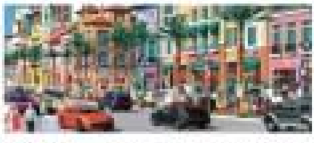
It has easy access to rows of banks, corporate towers and other major establishments on Quintin Paredes. Leading Chinese schools such as Chiang Kai Shek College, St. Stephen's High School and Philippine Cultural High School are minutes away from home as well.

Luxury living

Stepping into the sanctuary of Cityplace is tantamount to escape. A haven from the noise of the busy world into an exclusive and intimate space reserved for the family and self. Resembling the skyscrapers of Hong Kong, this residential enclave opens up to a choice from studio, one-, two-, three- to four-bedroom luxury condominium residences from which you can run your day-to-day operations.

The three-level Cityplace Mall opens up new business opportunities for you. The podium level holds all three phases [illegible] interconnected, so mall visitors and diners can reach the shops fairly easily. Over at the Cityplace Richmonde Hotel nearby, you can attend to business matters or celebrate special occasions in style.

Everything you need for business is under one roof at Cityplace, a one-stop venue where you can live, work and entertain right from the comfort and privacy of your home.



THE CITYPLACE Mall and Tianggi Mall are set to open up new business opportunities.



THEANA, one of the two-story Modern Asian hillside homes at Amiya Raya.

Stress-free life at Amiya Raya

COMING HOME TO A STRESS-free and all-natural environment just a few kilometers from the metro is now possible. In the hills of San Mateo, Rizal, a convenient 15 minutes away from Quezon City lies Amiya Raya, a 36-hectare master-planned residential community designed to bring homeowners closer to nature and away from the hustle and bustle of city life.

Developed by Landmark Asia Inc., Amiya Raya (an allusion to the Hindu Sanskrit term meaning "delightful views"), offers high-value properties with a Modern Asian design and 360 degree surrounding views of the metropolitan skyline, including La Mesa Dam, Laguna de Bay and even the Manila Bay sunset. The property also boasts of its own 13-hectare nature park with its natural springs and waterfall left untouched.

Lifestyle offered

"There are only a few places in Metro Manila with this kind of ambience, level and view. The place is near enough the main city centers, but far enough from the stress of city life. A few minutes away from the city and you're in a different world. The lifestyle we offer our future homeowners is the kind that will let them recreate, relax and enjoy quality time," says Landmark's President and CEO Ms. Charina S. Garcia.

The property will have its own upscale village center with convenient amenities such as retail shops, restaurants, a coffee shop, a clubhouse with an infinity pool and jacuzzi, [illegible], playground and a sports center with basketball and badminton courts. A viewing deck and bike trails leading to the property's very own nature park are also in the works.

Hillside home models

Although hillside properties are considered pricey, the lots at Amiya Raya are priced reasonably. Lot sizes range from 150 to 600 square meters, with four hillside home models to choose from. The two-story Modern Asian style, created by Mayabang, Tayag and Ruiz Architects, are each designed to maximize the view, blend harmoniously with the environment, and conform to the terrain.

As the property's recent launch and groundbreaking, brokers and buyers were treated to a fun day of outdoor themed relaxing activities such as spas, kite flying, a bike exhibition, henna tattoos and face painting, [illegible] and fire dancers.

Amiya Raya is accessible through Batasan Hills in Quezon City, Marikina and soon from the future C6 road development.

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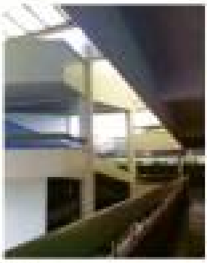
USC College of Architecture inspiring in the right direction

Living Architecture



Marcos de Guzman Jr.

CEBU IS ONE PLACE I NEVER GET TIRED visiting. [illegible]



RAMPS

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Not new

The University of San Carlos College of Architecture is not a new contender in the field. [illegible]

Minimalist style

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FAÇADE of the University of San Carlos College of Architecture



LIBRARY



LOWER lobby

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Very cool, comfortable

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Highs and lows

Check out how these students mix high-street and retail brands with ease

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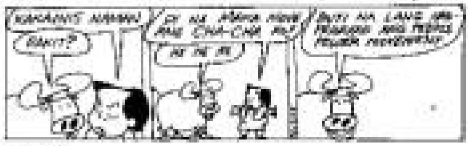
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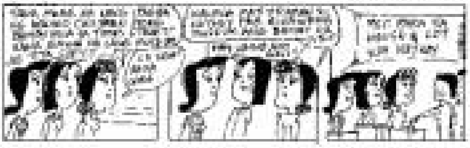


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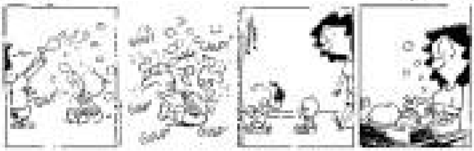


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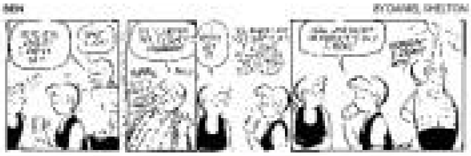




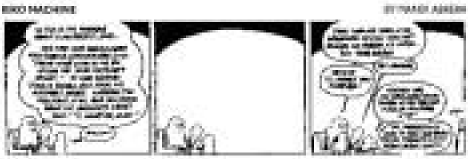
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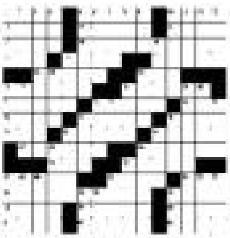


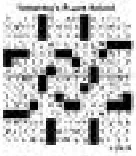




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HOW TO PLAY SU DOKU

Answer to previous puzzle

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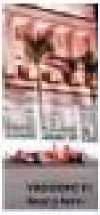
Great Singapore experiences for everyone

THE 2009 SINGAPORE GP SEASON RETURNS from Sept. 18 to 27 to rev up the city alongside the world's only Formula One night race. For 10 days surrounding the race weekend, the Singapore GP Season will offer a host of top-quality lifestyle [illegible] in the heart of the city [illegible].

[illegible] include [illegible] The Edge, a culinary event featuring [illegible]; [illegible] (Sept. 18-27). [illegible] "Bellos in Singapore," the exhibit of Brazilian [illegible] artist and sculptor Romero Britto [illegible] portraits of celebrated Formula One drivers—Lewis Hamilton, Fernando Alonso, Felipe Massa, Kimi Raikkonen and Robert Kubica (Sept. 20-Oct. 15, [illegible] Gallery [illegible]); "The First Night Race" outdoor photo exhibition of [illegible] Formula One photographer [illegible] (Sept. 22 to Oct. 3, Orchard Road, [illegible]); and "F1 Rocks [illegible]," [illegible] concerts featuring Beyoncé, [illegible] and other artists (Sept. 24-26).

[illegible] the city will have much to cheer for during the Singapore GP Season. Singapore's premier shopping street Orchard Road will present [illegible] a range of special shopping deals and promotions. Marina Bay retail malls will also offer [illegible] deals and race-related activities. This year, Formula One ticket holders will also enjoy special privileges and exclusive deals when they present their tickets at participating establishments such as malls, retail stores, restaurants, food and beverage outlets at selected hotels, night entertainment outlets and attractions like the Singapore Zoo, Singapore Flyer, Jurong Bird Park, Sentosa, Chinatown Heritage Centre and museums.

Visit www.visitsingapore.com/sgpseason.



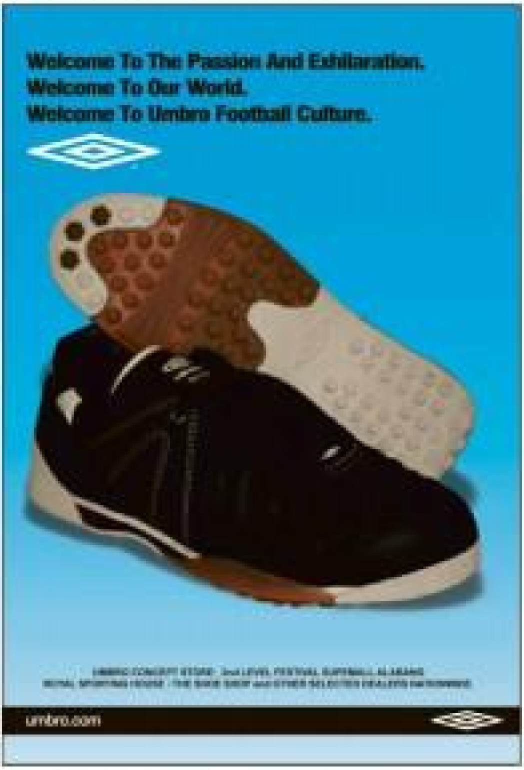
Win tickets to Formula 1 Singapore

FILL IN THE BLANK: "The 2009 Formula 1™ Singtel Singapore Grand Prix is known as the world's only ________."

E-mail your answer to the trivia question along with their complete name, address and contact numbers to [illegible]

Answer to last week's question: "Marina Bay Street Circuit"









Nix the blue eye shadow, and other graduation photo do's and don'ts

Guys, stick to powder and bronzer



DON'T overdo the makeup, especially if you're a guy.





DO LOOK clean-cut and wholesome in your grad photo.





Highs and lows



Jessica Bravo



Charm Santos



April Chua

2BU LifeStyle



Flash mob dance rocks giant mall



Fastfood giant leads a mass instant dance in the mall







2BU CAMPUS HOTTIE

Watch out for the Quiet One



Sam Vargas has a Pinoy mom but grew up in Iran, and his exotic background shows



KILLER-MVP FACE OFF

Reign of the King Tiger

Leading MVP contender Dylan Ababou of UST makes the girls scream and cry for him, but he's embarrassed by all the attention



UAAP's 'Mr. Double-double'

FEU's Aldrech Ramos scores double in shots and rebounds



Personal challenge

The X-factor

Diet and exercise

SM showcased ...

Trend: Stripes, plaids, brights pairing with neutrals



Tips:

- When wearing all-black, it's nice to add a little color to your get-up.
- Plaid is back again for this season.

Trend: The basic black and white ensemble is always a style staple



Tips:

- For a quick style fix, you can never go wrong with a black and white ensemble.
- A simple white dress with playful designs always add character.


herbench/
Regine Velasquez
eau de toilette
REIGNE
Songbird

SM showcased its new collection of Women's and Teen's Lines

LAST AUG. 6, SM FORMALLY launched the newest collections of their women's and teen's lines. Held at the activity center of SM Makati, it showcased a lot of trends of the season like pairing brights with neutral tones, embellished dresses, and the basic black and white ensembles.

SM has always been the market leader when it comes to affordable fashion finds. Giving the customer a wide array of choices, it is definitely you a unique shopping experience.

Trend: Nude tones with embellishments give that relaxed but sophisticated look

Helpful tips:

- You can never go wrong with shorts, just match it with an embellished top and blazer with matching killer heels.





- A little black dress, long also a little brown dress. The color complements the Filipina complexion.



- When wearing quarter length pants always wear your favorite heels to showcase your slender legs.



- A two-toned nude dress gives that hour-glass figure.

Super LifeStyle





It goes, *parang* like this:

A look into the Mark Peckson Project

A transnational ad agency takes on the task of promoting the national language. Neocolonialism or self-serving gimmick?

By Maui V. Reyes-Ordiso



MARK Peckson

'Mark's Filipino sucks'

Your Filipino sucks, too



Ano sa Filipino ang . . .

The Burger Joint





JUICY cheeseburgers

Crumbs





CUPCAKES

The Super guide to che[ap eats]

Why you don't need to spend $20,000 on any meal even if you want to eat [...]

By Pam Pastor

Photos by [illegible] and Pam Pastor

TAKING A BITE OF THE BIG APPLE isn't as budget-breaking as some people would like us to believe. Sure, the city is home to expensive restaurants with prices that range from high to shocking [illegible] anyone?). But New York is also crawling with great food finds that won't drain a hole in your pocket.

Here is the Super guide to cheap eats in New York. You can keep your $20,000. Trust us, you won't be needing it.

Hotel secret: The burger joint

[illegible]



THE RICE Pudding [illegible]

Rice to Riches



TOP [illegible]

Korean fried chicken

[illegible]

Vietnamese pork chops

[illegible]

Pizza pizza pizza

[illegible]

All-day breakfast

[illegible]

Colombian comfort food

[illegible]

Twin treats

[illegible]

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adidas fan wear collection highlights 150 years of Atenean excellence









The Ateneo De Manila University is commemorating its 150 years of foundation and academic excellence in the Philippines this year and adidas, the world's leading lifestyle and sporting brand, is celebrating traditions of greatness with all Ateneans.

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adidas and Ateneo adheres to quality

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Celebrate 150 with adidas

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adidas is a firm believer of the 'Atenean Way'.

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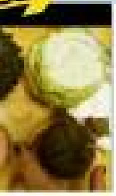
97 things I did with the [...]

By Pam Pastor

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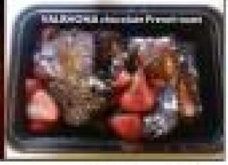
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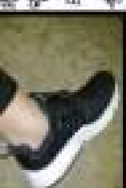


A SMALL order of soy garlic wings

Nokia N97







DRAWN using the N97

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Kristen Stewart: 'I am not cynical. I am not naïve either.'

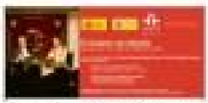


LOS ANGELES—KRISTEN Stewart is back on screen, as Emily "Em" Lewis, the conflicted girl in the coming-of-age movie set in the 1980s, "Adventureland."



TWILIGHT"-darling Kristen is back with a new movie, "Adventureland."

24/7 SUPER





Super LifeStyle

Attack of the Facebook clones



61 search results–whoa, that's a lot of Pam Pastors



By Pam Pastor

WHY DID YOU ANswer your own question?" Maui wrote on my Facebook wall.

She was referring to my enthusiastic reply to Pam Pastor's query about Samsung's new camera, which also appeared on my wall.

I wrote to Maui, "That's not me! That's a different Pam Pastor."

Rewind

A few weeks ago, I thought it would be fun to look up people on Facebook who had the same name as me.

I've always known other Pam Pastors existed. In fact, I used to get e-mails from people who think I'm the Pam Pastor they know. Years ago, a guy wrote to me after reading one of my articles. "Were you my high school classmate?" My reply: "Yeah, if you went to an all-girls school."

While I was under no illusion that I am the only Pam Pastor on this planet, I wasn't prepared for what my Facebook search revealed. Sixty-one results. Whoa, that's a lot of Pam Pastors.

ATTACK/F3

A weekly directory of the country's best establishments

Where to Stop Where to Go

[illegible]

One of the top 25 resorts in Asia

CONDÉ NAST TRAVELER, THE MOST prestigious travel magazine in the world, listed Plantation Bay Resort and Spa one of the top 25 resorts in Asia in its Gold List 2009. [illegible]





Mid-Autumn Festival at Edsa Shangri-la

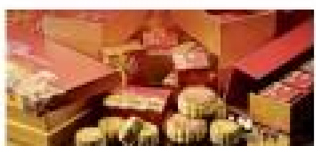
EDSA SHANGRI-LA, MANILA CELEBRATES the Mid-Autumn Festival [illegible]

Cantonese Food Festival at Basix

DUSIT THANI MANILA, IN PARTNERSHIP with the [illegible]

Starbucks' two tempting cakes

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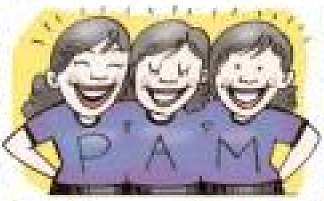
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Attack of the Facebook clones

Clone parade





Church pastors

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Always Picture Perfect



The Nokia 6700 classic features a 5 megapixel camera, high speed internet access, and quick entry to Ovi - the best things do come in small packages.



With its wide-angle Carl Zeiss Tessar lens for beautiful wide vistas and 8 megapixel sensor, the Nokia N86 8MP ensures that those impromptu photo opportunities are never again missed.

People love taking pictures with their phones. And it pretty much makes sense since it's the one device that they always have with them. Why bring a digital camera when your mobile can do just as good? Nokia now offers mobile phones that make you think twice about needing a second gadget for taking photos.

Camera ready

The Nokia 6700 classic boasts of a 5 megapixel camera with a breathtaking slim design. Taking its cues from its predecessor, the highly successful Nokia 6300, the Nokia 6700 classic combines smooth surfaces, rich materials, and precisely crafted parts with a full metal keymat giving it a premium finish.

"When it comes to taking the best digital photos, it's the quality of the lens and the sensor that count, not just the quantity of pixels," says Hermut Heise of Carl Zeiss. "The Nokia N86 8MP is the first mobile device with variable aperture making it easier to capture special moments with such great quality."

Winner of the prestigious Technical Image Press Association Award for Best Mobile Imaging Device in 2009, the Nokia N86 8MP has an 8 megapixel camera that always results to the perfect photo each time.

And with its 8GB memory, which is expandable up to 16GB, you can take photos and videos of anything and everything and store it all in your mobile device.



Sink your teeth into this: The Nokia 6700 classic shoots crystal clear images that make photos look good enough to eat.



The Nokia 6700 classic's 5 megapixel camera brings any photo into life.

Share your world

Both the Nokia 6700 classic and the Nokia N86 8MP allow you to instantly share your high resolution photos through Ovi, Nokia's Internet services site that brings together your online world, mobile device, and computer into an easy to use and consistent experience. With Ovi you can easily manage, sync and share your personal files or information, as well as access Nokia services in media sharing, maps, games, music, and messaging.

So why carry around a mobile phone and camera that both capture life's fleeting moments when you can do away with just one that keeps you connected to your world, be it offline or online? The Nokia 6700 classic and Nokia N86 8MP are the perfect devices that let you do more than just take photos - they let you share your experiences as they happen. Take a photo and start sharing yours! Visit www.share.ovi.com.



Equipped with a Carl Zeiss Tessar wide angled lens, the Nokia N86 8MP captures perfect shots - even in low light conditions!



Break through the darkness and shadows with the Nokia N86 8MP's Dual LED flash with several flash modes.



The fast mechanical shutter and Automatic Motion Blur Reduction in the Nokia N86 8MP ensures shorter latencies and less motion blur.



Show your friends what you're enjoying. With the Nokia 6700 classic, you can post your food finds on Ovi for your friends and family to see!



The Nokia N86 8MP works like a real camera. Adjust the lens, light sensitivity, white balance, and choose different scene modes to capture the moment you desire.

Love and then some on Facebook

By Ruby de Vera

I WOKE UP TO A DOZEN TEXT MESSAGES, quite a few offline messages on Yahoo Messenger and some e-mails. When I opened my Facebook account, I had five private messages and some 15 people had commented on my wall. What did I do to become so popular all of a sudden? It was just a simple thing: I changed my status in Facebook from "single" to "in a relationship." Facebook just made it worse by putting a heart icon beside it, like a blinking neon sign along a dark street.

> My change of status from 'single' to 'in a relationship' has become a cause célèbre online

It was too late when I realized the gravity of what I had done with just a few clicks of the mouse. I had forgotten that the very wide [illegible] that is my Friends list would see it appear on my wall and in their inbox. I am talking about childhood friends, classmates, colleagues, former co-workers, some people I hadn't seen since I was 12 and, of course, my family.

In real life that would be equivalent to taking out a megaphone and shouting it to the world, commissioning a billboard for the announcement and sending a newsletter to all the people I know. Now I'm being hosed in endless questions and virtual catcalls. Someone even asked me if I was bringing a "plus one" to her wedding because she had to make arrangements.

Deleting the notification would be totally useless because everybody had seen it already. As much as I don't want people to fuss over it, I have done the exact same thing with my friends who also took that megaphone and commissioned the billboard. I pestered them with the same questions ("Who is it?") and sent the requisite text message containing a very childish "yiheee." Being at the receiving end of such treatment, I swear on my cuticle I won't do it again.

I'm wondering how people would react had I done the opposite, coming from a strong "in a relationship" status and changing it to that infamous "single." I would expect no less than the same whys and whats, and maybe some [illegible]. They would probably tell me that it's okay, that it's not my loss and that I should go out and party. People care and they will verbalize it, only it's in the form of a comment in Facebook where one comment would attract more.

Because these little changes in Facebook create so much attention, doing it is a very big step for the parties concerned. It's like holding a party for your friends and his friends and doing the announcement together, holding hands and looking flushed. So cheesy and [illegible].

You'd wonder why people in general are so interested in their friends' relationships. Well, I am, for many reasons. One, I want to know if said friend is available for those impromptu adventures on non-working days. Being attached somehow limits your options in that area. Two, if said friend is of the volatile kind, I'd want to know if he or she is in a relationship that would somehow set the run-off between [illegible] friend and his or her partner[illegible] all like party poppers. I am indirectly affected by the emotional upheavals that relationships bring. I want to be amply warned. Three, my friends can't be fooling [illegible] forever. I want something else to be blamed for the unexplained mood swings and binges.

My friends are probably thinking the same thing right now about me. It's amazing how one simple line in my profile rendered so much fuss people don't really assume I'm available on a Saturday night for everything or chicken wings. They would politely ask first if I'm free to spend time with them.

The friends I'm talking about here comprise a very small portion of my Friends list. While it's a brave thing to check that other box and make it appear on your wall, making it official sometimes doesn't have to include 400 people, of whom 90 percent probably don't give a hoot.

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Win some, lose some in 'Next Big Star' finals



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Marian Rivera wards off demons and deadly spells



Dire consequences

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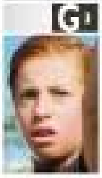
'Cory' at AFP Theater tomorrow

Movies on TV

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BENNETT. Portrays the narrator-protagonist in "Shorts."

Chaos on overdrive

By [illegible]

THANK GOODNESS "Shorts" is short. A hyper-speedy, all-over-the-place kids' adventure flick from Robert Rodriguez, the film is chaos on overdrive. The film is chock-full of elements that will appeal to viewers 13 years old and below, however.

For one, the movie is probably the only production out there featuring a giant booger monster. Then, there's a crocodile army, tiny beings from outer space, a giant robot, a pterodactyl, and loads of other elements that kids will like—including the rainbow-colored wishing rock that ties all of these together.

Chronology

The movie is a series of shorts told without chronology by its narrator, Toby "Toe" Thompson (Jimmy Bennett), a slight, 11-year-old kid with braces and a pack of bullies perennially at his back. He gets regularly dumped into trash bins by the gang's leader, Helvetica (Jolie Vanier) and her brother, Cole (Devon Gearhart).

The children live in a suburban neighborhood owned by Cole and Helvetica's dad, Carbon Black (James Spader), whose Black Box Inc. is where all the kids' parents work. The grown-ups are preoccupied with upgrading the company's reason for being—the Black Box, a device aiming to be the be-all and end-all of devices, that can morph from a coaster to a baby monitor. In the meantime, their children end up being ignored.

Brothers

Things get shaken up when a multi-hued rock drops from the sky into the hands of three clueless brothers. Then, it rolls its way into Toe's life, gets inside his mother's purse, lands in the backyard of a germaphobic scientist (William H. Macy) and his son, and ends up being fought over by Helvetica, her father, and the rest of the town.

"Shorts" is not one of those films that will stand the test of time—it lacks a resonant story and sympathetic characters. But, parents desperate to find something amusing for their children to watch can head off their offspring to a screening. The film is fast-paced and colorful, and it's peppered with enough gross-out details to satisfy today's attention-challenged youngsters.

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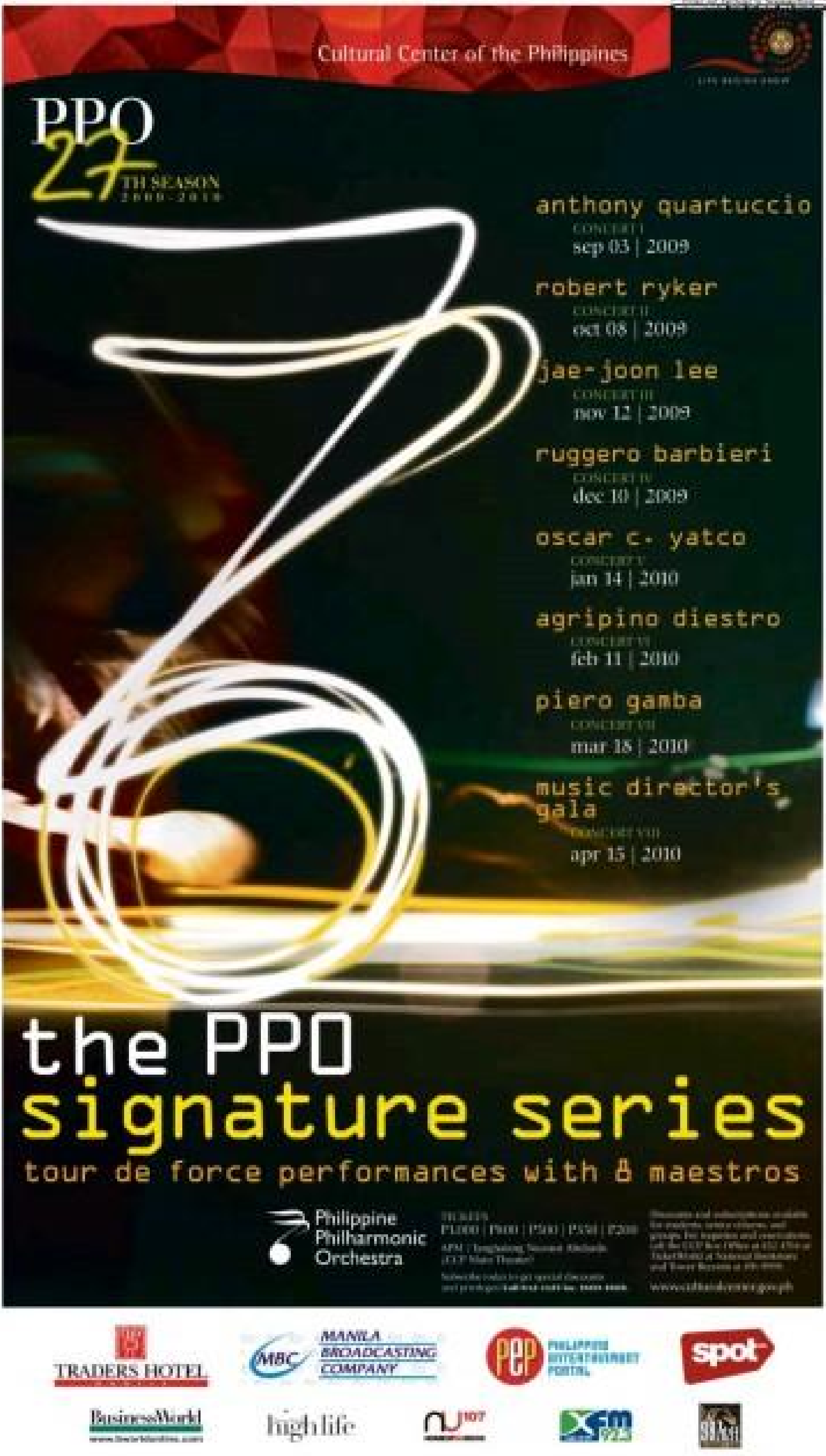
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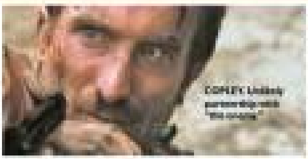

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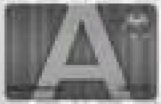
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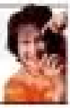
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NY exhibit shows off Pinoy designers

Street Smart

Mandy Navasero



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Earth tones

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FROM LEFT: Rodis, Villapando, Tandoc, Buendia and Haro get ready to invade the Big Apple.



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